

**EVENTS
MAY 2007**

Resources for people in ministry at Sheldon (Society of Mary and Martha)

Sheldon specialises in providing resources for people in ministry and/or their spouses, but many resources are open to everyone. All costs quoted at the ministry rate. Cluster of converted farm buildings, 45 acres of grounds with field and woodland walks (and lots of lambs), cosy accommodation, good food, gentle hospitality. www.sheldon.uk.com.

For information contact Sheldon, Dunsford, Exeter EX6 7LE, t: 01647 252752, e: smm@sheldon.uk.com or visit www.sheldon.uk.com.

Get Started, Keep Moving - Playtime Annual Conference

This conference provides an opportunity for toddler group leaders to meet each other.

Get Started, Keep Moving! takes place in Feltham on Saturday 12 May. Please consider encouraging any parent and toddler group leaders to attend.

Book online at www.careforthefamily.org.uk/playtimeconferences or t: 029 2081 0800.

Always in Rehearsal

Have you ever struggled to include children in worship without resorting to the lowest common denominator? Do you even wonder if it's possible for all ages to worship God together?

'Always in Rehearsal' is a practical book about worship with all ages together, written by Jim Ritchie. The Always in Rehearsal day is for anyone who leads or plans worship and wants to include all ages. Friday 11 May, 10am-3pm, at Wesley's Chapel, 49 City Road, London EC1Y 1AU. For further details and to book a place (£15/£10 concessions) e: roseweirm@methodistchildren.org.uk. (The cost includes lunch and a copy of Jim Ritchie's book.)

Working with the Young

An exploration of the encounter between adult and child spirituality, with a keynote address by Dr Rebecca Nye (co-author of *The Spirit of the Child*) and workshop sessions on Storytelling, Godly Play, Prayer and Worship. Saturday 12 May 2007 at London Centre for Spirituality, Lombard Street, EC3V 9EA. For further information and a booking form, contact info@spiritualitycentre.org.

Anglican & Roman Catholic Relations – A Kick Start?

Dr Mary Tanner, President of the World Council of Churches, and Mgr Andrew Faley, Assistant General Secretary, RC Bishops' Conference of England & Wales. Organised by Society for Ecumenical Studies, a body in Association with Churches Together. The talk is preceded by the Society's Annual General Meeting (5.15pm) and followed by refreshments.

30 May, 6pm, The Hinsley Room, Morpeth Terrace, Westminster Cathedral SW1. To confirm a place for catering purposes, t: 07710 024505, e: ecumenicalstudies@btinternet.com, www.ecumenicalstudies.org.uk. All welcome.

Insights – Art Exhibition in the City of London by Angela Schütz

From 4 May until 26 July Angela Schütz will be exhibiting works in oil and pastels at The London Centre for Spirituality in Lombard Street. The exhibition shows snapshots of the artist's inner journey over the last six years, embracing light and dark, playfulness and reflection, stillness and movement, hope and joy, harmony and chaos in colourful and vibrant images.

More details about the exhibition are available at www.london.anglican.org/NewsShow_7575. Members of the Diocese are also invited to a preview on Thursday 3 May, 5-8pm. If you wish to attend the preview, please book a ticket by e: bookshop@spiritualitycentre.org or by t: 020 7626 5031.

London Society of Jews and Christians

The Dean of Westminster, the Very Reverend John Hall, and Rabbi Jonathan Romain MBE will be leading a lively debate on Faith Schools: Segregation or Inclusion?

14 May, Cheneygates, Westminster Abbey, starting at 7pm following light refreshments at 6.30pm. Members of the LSJ&C, friends and visitors are all welcome to this open meeting.

African Snow – Riding Lights Theatre Company

African Snow is the meeting of two men, cast from opposite sides into the hell of the slave trade - Olaudah Equiano, stolen from his home in West Africa, and John Newton, the converted slave-trader who later gave the world its most famous hymn, Amazing Grace.

11-25 year olds resident in **any** London Borough can see *African Snow* at Hackney Empire for just £1. Visit www.ridinglights.org/shows/africans_001.php for information and to download the discount voucher for Hackney Empire performances.

Churches Refugee Conference – Down but Not Out: The Needs of Strangers

Conference with themes of "Strangers into Citizens: A Path to Citizenship for the excluded" - Austen Ivereigh; "The Needs of Strangers: Global Citizens and the Nation State - Ethics and Asylum"; "The Health of Asylum Seekers: Statutory Provision for those in and out of detention"; Reports from asylum projects, and national initiatives; Workshops; Grassroots and campaign news; Live Music; Worship.

Saturday 19 May at Holy Apostles Church Hall, 47 Cumberland Street, London SW1V 4LY. Please bring own lunch – soup and rolls will be available. For more information contact Wendy Cooper by t: 020 7916 8632 or e: wendy.cooper@urc.org.uk.

Launch of Church Fund in London for Destitute Asylum-Seekers

The London Churches Refugee Hardship Fund seeks to raise funds to assist Christian Projects and other organisations working to relief the needs of destitute asylum seekers (particularly in relation to travel, food and accommodation); and to raise awareness of their needs amongst churches and the wider community in London.

Sunday 17 June, 6.30pm, Westminster Abbey. Further information contact Geoff Duncan by e: geoffrey.duncan@urc10.org or t: 020 7799 5000. All are welcome.

Plan for ALMA Sunday 2007

ALMA Sunday is 15 July and is a time to celebrate and mark our London's link partnership with the Anglican Dioceses in Mozambique and Angola. Help to get your church involved in learning more about the link by visiting the ALMA website, www.almalink.org, for news, information, inspiring stories about visits between parishioners in London and Mozambique and Angola, and much more.

For further information and ideas for ALMA Sunday or to request a speaker, contact Sheenagh Burrell (ALMA Communications officer) by e: sb@burrell1980.freeseve.co.uk or Peter Southwood (ALMA Link Officer) by e: p.southwood@btinternet.com or t: 020 7932 1231.

Ring the Alarm in London - Your Voice against Poverty

Two years ago the G8 leaders promised to increase aid and cancel poor countries' debts. But still 5,000 children die every day from drinking dirty water and more than five million people with HIV/AIDS do not have access to medicines. A coalition of agencies, including TearFund and Christian Aid, have organised a mass rally on the banks of the Thames ahead of the next G8 Summit.

2 June. From 11am: activities at various central London venues. At 2pm: Gather on the banks of the River Thames between Westminster and Vauxhall bridges to raise your voice against poverty. Visit www.yourvoiceagainstpoverty.org.uk.

Enneagram Basic Course at Edgware Abbey

This is a weekend course for those with no previous experience of the Enneagram. On this course, the nine types will be explored through a variety of ways. By the end of the weekend, people will have gained sufficient understanding to choose which personality type they belong to.

18-20 May (7.30-9.30pm Friday; 10am-4pm Saturday; 9.30am-2pm Sunday). £160, including course books (£130 non-residential). Pre-booking is essential to guarantee a place. For further information or to book, t: 020 8958 7868.

Being Biblical? Slavery, Sexuality and the Inclusive Community

The twenty-second Eric Symes Abbott Memorial Lecture by the Reverend Dr Richard A. Burridge, Dean of King's College London.

10 May, 6.15pm in the Nave of Westminster Abbey. (Also to be given on 11 May at Keble College, Oxford at 5.30pm.) Further information from The Dean's Office, King's College London, t: 020 7848 2333. Admission is free and all are welcome.